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TAGS: SHUM PINT KS  
SUBJ: SOCIALIST LEADER RELEASED FROM PRISON

1. KIM CHOL, LEADER OF UNIFIED SOCIALIST PARTY, A MINISCULE POLITICAL GROUP, WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON MARCH 31. HE HAD SERVED 18 MONTHS OF A TWO YEAR SENTENCE FOR VIOLATION OF EM-9.

2. KOREAN CHRISTIAN ACTIVISTS CLAIM KIM WAS RELEASED BECAUSE OF AN ULTIMATUM DELIVERED TO ROKG BY FOUR WESTERN EUROPEAN SOCIALIST GOVERNMENTS. PRESUMABLY THE SCANDINAVIAN NATIONS PLUS WEST GERMANY. IN FACT, IT IS TRUE THAT THE SWedes HAVE MENTIONED KIM'S CASE TO THE ROK IN THE PAST. IN OUR VIEW ROKG PROBABLY RELEASED KIM TO IMPROVE ITS IMAGE WITH SOCIALIST GOVERNMENTS AND PARTIES IN WESTERN EUROPE GENERALLY, BUT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE ROKG WAS REACTING TO ANY ULTIMATUM.

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